

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 221

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Hale Moss upon being selected as the guest of honor at the 23rd Annual Wilson County Library Board Roast.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Hale Moss, who has been selected as the guest of honor at the 23rd Annual Wilson County Library Board Roast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss is a lifelong resident of Wilson County and he graduated from Mt. Juliet High School in 1966; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Hale Moss returned to Wilson County, at which time he became involved in many organizations focused on agriculture, including helping to found the Wilson County Master Gardeners, Horticulture Association of Tennessee, and Wilson County Promotions, which is committed to showcasing the community through the nationally recognized Wilson County Fair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss has served estimably as President of the Wilson County Fair for more than thirty years, he is a past President of the Tennessee Association of Fairs, and he has served as Chairman of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Advertising Committee and Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, he represented seven southern states on the Board of Directors as the Zone 6 Director, he serves as Chairman of the Wilson County Soil Conservation District, and as Director of the Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Hale Moss served with acumen and alacrity as a vocational agriculture teacher at Lebanon High School and he went on to serve as Administrator of Fairs and Livestock Shows for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss has been an owner and Manager of Moss' Florist and Garden Center for thirty-five years; the business was founded by his father and uncles in 1952 and, today, it is a thriving seed company, garden center/nursery, and florist that serve a growing community of home gardeners and small businesses in Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, Moss' celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2002 and employs fourteen people; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Hale Moss enjoys tending cattle on Knobbiehurst Farm in Mt. Juliet and has a "bucket list" goal of visiting every state fairground in the United States; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Mr. Moss is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Brenda, who is a floral designer; and their son, Joe, and his wife, Lauren, who live in Mt. Juliet; Joe owns and operates Southeastern Professional Grounds Maintenance, while Lauren is a Human Resources Manager with Ascendant HR in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Hale Moss for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Hale Moss upon being selected as the guest of honor at the 23rd Annual Wilson County Library Board Roast, commend his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.